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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

VAHID SAADAT et al.

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SECURING GASTRO-  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.